Promises of God

29. Temptation

I Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Meaning: There are several facts about temptation mentioned in our text. Temptation is common to all. God will not permit you to be tempted above your ability to say "no." God will make a way for you to escape the temptation, and He will help you endure the temptation. God cannot tempt us with evil (James 1:13), but He promised to help us when we are tempted to do wrong.

Application: Temptation in general terms is the enticement to do evil. It goes back to Genesis when Adam and Eve partook of the fruit God commanded them not to take. Satan's enticement to disobey God was that the fruit would open their eyes and make them "as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5). What we do with temptation shows who we love the most (James 1:12). God will deliver the godly out of temptation (II Peter 2:9).

Other Verses for Study: Galatians 5:16; Hebrews 2:18; 4:15, 16; James 1:2, 3, 13, 14; 4:7; I Peter 1:6, 7; I John 4:4; Jude 24

1. God cannot do what? _____
2. In general terms, what is temptation? _____
3. What we do with temptation shows whom we _____ most.

"If you would master temptation, you must first let Christ master you."